



Ride On's Give and Ride is Sunday, April 28 through Saturday, May 4, 2013

Ride On bus passengers can help needy families and receive a free bus ride by donating canned or nonperishable food during Ride On's annual food drive. Riders who donate will ride free during Give and Ride from Sunday, April 28 through Saturday, May 4, 2013. If a rider is transferring to other Ride On buses, additional donations are needed in order to ride free.

During the week, food collection bags will be placed near the fare boxes on all Ride On buses. Children's items like disposable diapers, formula, baby or toddler food and juice are especially useful to families in need. Plastic containers are preferred.

The donated food goes to Manna Food Center, Montgomery County's food bank. The need for food donations is greater than ever. Manna has experienced a 50 increase in requests for food this year.

All food donations, regardless of the number of cans, will be valued at the regular cash fare rate of \$1.80. Even riders using the free Van Go shuttle can participate by bringing their donations to the bus. Residents who do not ride the bus but wish to donate food can participate by giving their donations to a bus operator at any Ride On bus stop.

Checks made out to Manna Food Center are also appreciated. Every \$1 you donate to Manna turns into \$5 worth of food for our hungry neighbors. Manna operates as efficiently as possible to maximize your generous donations. Writing in "Ride On" on the "For" or "Memo" line in the lower left corner of a check will make it easier to track the success of the program.

Manna can be reached at:

[Manna Food Center](#)

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To help you decide what items to donate, here is a list

<http://www.mannafood.org/index.cfm?page=food-list>